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In re Application of:

Louis S. KUCERA *et al.*

Application No: 09/412,539

: Group Art Unit 1624

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Title: LIPID ANALOGS FOR  
TREATING VIRAL  
INFECTIONS

: Examiner: Brenda Coleman

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**DECLARATION UNDER C.F.R. § 1.132**

I hereby declare as follows:

1. I received a degree of Bachelor of Arts in Natural Science from St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota in 1957. I received a degree of Master of Science in Medical Microbiology from Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska in 1959. I received a degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Medical Microbiology from University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri in 1964.

2. I presently hold the position of Full Professor of Microbiology and Immunology at Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the assignee of the above-identified application, and Senior Vice-President/Founder of Kucera Pharmaceutical Company, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. I have been employed by Wake Forest University since 1970 and Kucera Pharmaceutical Company since 2001.

3. I am the author or co-author of over 130 publications, almost all of which pertain to antiviral agents or medical virology. I have also presented at numerous meetings, symposiums, workshops, and conferences and lectured at several universities.

4. My education, technical experience, professional activities, honors and awards, and list of publications are set forth in my *curriculum vitae* attached hereto as Exhibit A.

5. I am a co-inventor of the invention described and claimed in the above-identified application.

6. I am familiar with and understand the above-identified application ("Application"), including the pending claims and the outstanding rejections of the claims.

7. I and others have evaluated the activity of phospholipid-AZT conjugates against HIV. In our experiments, the lipid-AZT conjugates were synthesized by reacting 3-amino-1,2-propanediol with an acyl chloride to form an alkylamidopropanediol. The primary alcohol was protected as a trityl ether by reaction with trityl chloride and then the secondary alcohol was alkylated with an alkyl halide using sodium hydride as a base. After removing the trityl ether with p-toluenesulphonic acid, the hydroxy group was converted to a phosphatidic acid. The phosphatidic acid was coupled with AZT using dicyclohexylphosphodiimide as the condensing agent. The lipid-AZT conjugates were evaluated for cytotoxicity, anti-HIV-1 activity and selectivity in CEM-SS and PBL cells. Further details of the materials and methods are set forth in Kucera *et al.* "In vitro evaluation characterization of newly designed alkylamidophospholipid analogues as anti-human immunodeficiency virus type 1 agents," Antiviral Chemistry & Chemotherapy 9:157-165 (1998) ("Kucera *et al.*"), attached hereto as Exhibit B.

8. The INK-14 compound described in Table 1 of Kucera *et al.* is a compound within the genus of Formula III of the specification of the Application.

9. The INK-14 compound gave a high selectivity index ("SI") of >1250 against infectious HIV-1 replication in CEM-SS cells, as shown in Table 2 of Kucera *et al.*

10. The specification commencing on page 14, line 20 through page 15, line 8 of the Application describes that experimentation has demonstrated efficacy of the compounds of Formula III.

11. The data in Kucera *et al.* demonstrates that the INK-14 compound shows clinical efficacy of Formula III compounds against HIV.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: April 30, 2002

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**EDUCATION:**

1953-1957 St. John's University Collegeville, Minnesota B.A.

1960-1964 University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri Ph.D.

# **POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING:**

1964-1966 Mayo Clinic, Section of Microbiology, Rochester, MN, Applied Virology, Ernest C. Herrmann, Jr., Ph.D., Program Advisor

1966-1968 St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, Basic Virology, Allan Granoff, Ph.D., Program Advisor

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1968-1970 Staff Member, Laboratory of Virology, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN

1968-1970 Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, University of Tennessee Medical School, Memphis, TN

1970-1974 Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University Winston-Salem, N C

1974-1980 Associate Professor (tenured), Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC

1983-1985 Professor and Acting Chairman Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC

1980-present Full Professor (tenured) Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC

2001-present Senior Vice President / Founder Kucera Pharmaceutical Company, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

**Courses Taught:**

- Basic Virology
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- Medical Microbiology
- Fundamental Techniques in Microbiology and Immunology
- Advanced Topics in Microbiology, Immunology, and Virology
- Biology of Neoplasia
- Fundamentals of Virology
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- Molecular Targets in Cancer Biology
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- Doctor-Patient Relationship Course
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**Sponsorships:**

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| 1970-1973 | Janice Simonson, M.S.                                  |
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| 1973-1975 | Suzanne M. Konopka, M.S.                               |
| 1975-1977 | Janice R. Connor, M.S.                                 |
| 1973-1978 | Mario J. Marcon, Ph.D.                                 |
| 1977-1981 | Richard A. Respess, Ph.D.                              |
| 1982-1984 | Richard T. Flanders, Ph.D. (Postdoctorate)             |
| 1982-1986 | Catherine Krebs, Ph.D.                                 |
| 1987-1989 | Nickolus Oldenburg (Undergraduate Student)             |
| 1988-1989 | David Raben (Medical Student)                          |
| 1988-1989 | Malcolm Foster, III (Medical Student)                  |
| 1988-1989 | Adam Raben (Medical Student)                           |
| 1989      | Lisa Burman (Medical Student)                          |
| 1988-1990 | Girish Giridhar, Ph.D. (Postdoctorate)                 |
| 1987-1992 | Lisa Krugner-Higby, D.V.M.                             |
| 1990      | Vinette Edwards (Medical Student)                      |
| 1990      | David Goff (Medical Student)                           |
| 1990      | Jay Neufeld (Medical Student)                          |
| 1991      | Indu Anand (Medical Student)                           |
| 1991      | Christopher Philippart (Medical Student)               |
| 1991      | Lewis McCurdy (Undergraduate Student, WFU)             |
| 1991      | Laura Neese (Undergraduate Student, Salem College)     |
| 1992      | William Thomas (Medical Student)                       |
| 1993      | Tianang Dai (Undergraduate Student, Salem College)     |
| 1993-1995 | Brandi Bickford (Undergraduate Student, Salem College) |
| 1993      | Chris Whang (Medical Student)                          |

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| 1993 | Cas Fowler (Medical Student)   |
| 1994 | Jason Thompson (Undergraduate Student)                                   |
| 1994 | Brian Whirrett (Undergraduate Student)                                   |
| 1995 | Michael Hughes (Medical Student)   |
| 1996 | Erica Humphrey (Undergraduate Student, Salem College)                    |
| 1996 | Christi Goff, (Undergraduate Student, Wake Forest University University) |
| 1996 | Harsha Serty (High School Student)                                       |
| 1997 | Ina Shippy (High School Student)   |
| 1997 | Zakery Zimmerman (Undergraduate Student, WFU)                            |
| 2000 | Jennifer Hu (Medical Student)  |
| 2000 | Sherelle McCoy (CERTL High School Student)                               |
| 2001 | Daniel Leung (Medical Student)   |
| 2002 | Ergaba Sheferaw (Salem College)  |

#### **Intramural committee work:**

Member of Student Evaluation Committee  
 Microbiological Safety Committee  
 Administrative Assistant for Research Development and Controller of Biohazardous Agents, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, 1975-79  
 Program Director and Administrative Assistant for Graduate Student Affairs, 1980-83  
 Basic Science Task Group, Oncology Research Center  
 Medical Student Admissions Committee  
 Group Leader for Oncogenesis Affinity Group, Oncology Research Center, 1972-84  
 Intramural Research Committee  
 Member of the Oncology Research Center, 1970-present  
 Member, Executive Committee, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, 1974-  
 Medical Student Advisor, 1972-present  
 Director, Tissue Culture Core Laboratory, 1979-present  
 Coordinator, Viral Oncology and Tumor Immunology Seminar Series  
 Biomedical Graduate Committee Member, 1980-85  
 Graduate Council, Wake Forest University, 1981-84  
 Dean's Fellowship Committee, 1983-84  
 Chairman, Biosafety Committee, 1981-82  
 University Senate, Ad Hoc Committee, 1982-83  
 Chairman, Graduate Student Committee, 1980-85  
 Member, Undergraduate Education Subcommittee, 1984  
 Faculty Executive Council, 1983-85  
 Member, Search Committee for Department of Medicine Chairperson, 1985  
 Vice Chairman, Animal Care and Use Committee, 1985-1991  
 Associate Director, P-3 Facility, 1987-present  
 Longitudinal Evaluation Committee, 1984-1988  
 Committee to Select Faculty Teaching Excellence Award, 1987, 1990  
 Medical Student Promotions and Progress Committee, 1987-1990

Medical Student Promotions and Progress Committee, 1987-1990  
Chairman, Animal Care and Use-Public Affairs Committee, 1988-1990  
Chairman, Public Affairs Committee-Office of Research Development, 1990-1999  
Evaluation of the Parallel Curriculum, 1992  
Miniphase Parallel Curriculum Committee, 1990-1993  
Graduate Program Director, Department of Microbiology and Immunology (1992-1994)  
Wake Forest University Senators (1993-2001)  
Chairman, Longitudinal Evaluation Committee, Wake Forest University Senate (1993-1997)  
Chairman, Research! North Carolina Planning Committee Northwest AHEC Region, 1993  
Member-Legal University Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on Development and Transfer of Biotechnology 1993-1994.  
Member Search Committee for Radiation Therapy Chairperson- 1994  
Member Ad Hoc Technology Transfer Subcommittee - 1994  
Committee Chairperson, Pilot Projects Review Committee, Comprehensive Cancer Center of Wake Forest University (1995-1997)  
Wake Forest University Senate Ad Hoc Committee (1997-1998)  
United Way Campaign, Faculty Coordinator, Department of Microbiology and Immunology (1999).  
Team Leader, Environmental Health and Safety, Department of Microbiology and Immunology - present  
Animal Care and Use Committee-Alternate member - present  
Heighten Awareness Committee - present  
Public Affairs Committee (PACOR) - present  
Executive Committee, Department of Microbiology and Immunology - present

#### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS AND ACTIVITIES:**

##### **Extramural:**

Editorial Board Member, Infection and Immunity, 1978-1980  
Reviewer, Human Cell Biology Program, NSF, Ad Hoc  
Contract Reviewer for the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Site Visit  
Reviewer, National Cancer Institute, Ad Hoc  
Reviewer, Clinical Chemistry  
Invited Reviewer, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Ad Hoc Reviewer  
Journal of General Virology  
Grant Reviewer, North Carolina Biotechnology Program  
Reviewer, Microbiology and Immunology Test Item Bank, Association of Medical School Microbiology Chairmen  
Site Visit Staff Member, Reaffirmation Accreditation Team, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, 1988  
Scientific Reviewer for Montana University System, 1989  
NIH, Study Section Member, AIDS and Related Review Group, Subcommittee 3, 1989  
Scientific Reviewer for North Carolina University System, 1989  
Ad Hoc Study Section member, Animal Resources Review Committee, NIH, 1991



Chairman, research!North Carolina Planning Committee, Northwest AHEC Region 1993  
Board Member of the North Carolina Association for Biomedical Research, 1993-1999  
Member of the North Carolina Steering Committee, Research!North Carolina, 1993  
The Legal-University Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on Development and  
Transfer of Biotechnology (1993-1994)  
Executive Board Member, North Carolina Association for Biomedical Research (1993-  
1996)  
Member, North Carolina Association for Biomedical Research (1993-2001)

**Sabbatical Leave:**

German Cancer Research Center, Institute for Virus Research, Heidelberg, West  
Germany, January-August, 1986.  
Boehringer Mannheim Pharmaceutical Company, Mannheim, Germany (March-May,  
1996)

**PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:**

**Current Research Interests:**

Development of new strategies for anti-HIV agents

**Statement of Research Objectives:**

My major research objectives are to develop and evaluate innovative strategies for attacking the virus etiologic agent of AIDS with ether lipid (EL) analogs that are membrane interactive and have potent anti-HIV activity so that rationale predictions can be made on the clinical effectiveness of these novel entities as chemotherapeutic drugs for AIDS. These new entities have great clinical significance for designing new strategies for chemotherapy of AIDS because EL are membrane interactive and not DNA interactive and they are not associated with myelosuppression or neuropathology based on recent Phase I/Phase II trials in humans as anti-cancer drugs. Two classes of complex lipids, 1) synthetic phospholipids e.g alkylthioetherglycerophosphocholines and alkylamidopropylphosphocholines, and 2) phosphate ester-linked lipid-AZT (EL-AZT) conjugates, have demonstrated selective and potent activity against infectious virus replication and pathogenesis in human T-cells and promonocytic-like cells. Preliminary data indicated that selected ether lipids alone and EL-AZT conjugates are both active against AZT-resistant HIV-1, are bioavailable after oral administration, are not myelosuppressive, and they inhibit retrovirus infection and pathogenesis in animals. Based on these interesting results, Phase I/II clinical trials with an optimal thioether lipid-nucleoside conjugate have been initiated in HIV+ volunteers by Boehringer Mannheim GmbH. The major objective of the proposed research is to enhance the principle of combination therapy to a molecular combination of two anti-HIV agents that will multitarget the HIV replication cycle. The proposed synthetic compounds will consist of a thio- or amido- phosphocholine lipid (PC lipid) conjugated with AZT (PC lipid-AZT). The hypothesis is that newly synthesized optimal double targeting PC lipid-nucleoside

conjugate should be more effective against HIV compared to our lead compounds INK-11 (phosphocholine lipid alone) and INK-14 (lipid-nucleoside conjugate where AZT is linked at position-3 of the lipid backbone through a phosphodiester bond in place of phosphocholine), accumulate to lymphoid tissues and cross the blood-brain barrier after oral administration. The Specific Aims are: (I) To synthesize and evaluate in vitro the cytotoxicity and anti-HIV-1 activity of novel thio- and amido-PC lipid and PC lipid-AZT conjugates. (II) To confirm and enhance in vitro and in-vivo the antiviral potency of selected compounds. (III) To characterize the mode of action of optimal compounds. (IV) To evaluate optimal compounds for capacity to accumulate into lymphoid tissues and cross the blood-brain barrier. The pharmacodynamic advantages and novel membrane site of action of PC lipid-AZT conjugates should provide new modalities for delivering combinations of drugs that will be orally bioavailable and target the virus at multiple sites in the replication cycle.

#### GRANTS: PAST, CURRENT AND PENDING:

9/1/70 - 8/31/71 Forsyth Cancer Service  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
Investigation on Herpes-Type Viruses  
and Tumorigenesis  
\$1,694.60

Fluid Research Fund  
Bowman Gray School of Medicine  
Sequential Protein Synthesis in Frog Polyhedral Cytoplasmic Deoxyribovirus Infected  
Mammalian Cells  
\$1,305.25

8/2/71 - 8/1/72 Forsyth Cancer Service  
Investigations on Herpes-Type Viruses and Tumorigenesis  
\$2,200

10/1/71 - 9/30/74 National Cancer Institute, NIH  
Virus Associated Neoplasms  
(CA 12382-01 to 03)  
\$58,005

3/1/72 - 2/28/75 National Cancer Institute, NIH  
Herpesviruses and the Etiology of the Lucke Renal Adenocarcinoma and Human  
Cervical Carcinoma  
(CA 12197-01 to 03)  
\$105,000

10/1/74 - 11/30/77 National Cancer Institute, NIH

Virus Associated Neoplasms  
(CA 12382-04 to 06)  
\$117,566

3/1/75 - 2/28/77 National Cancer Institute, NIH  
Herpesviruses and Etiology of Human Carcinomas  
(CA 12197-03 to 04)  
\$43,400

9/1/77 - 8/31/80 National Cancer Institute, NIH  
Changes in Cell Membranes by Oncogenic  
Herpes Simplex  
\$99,054  
(M. Waite, Principal Investigator;  
L. Kucera, Collaborator)

9/1/79 - 8/31/82 Environmental Protection Agency  
Herpes Simplex Virus Type 2 -  
Cancer Promotor Interactions  
\$157,896

Environmental Protection Agency  
Prostaglandins as Markers of Promotor-Virus  
Cell Transformation  
\$247,629  
(M. Waite, Principal Investigator;  
L. Kucera, Collaborator)

9/15/80 - 1/31/94 National Cancer Institute, NIH  
Tissue Culture Core Laboratory  
\$49,514 (current year)  
Provide expertise, equipment and service to principal investigators in the Oncology  
Research Center at Bowman Gray School of Medicine

11/1/80 - 10/31/84 Environmental Protection Agency  
Prostaglandins as Markers of Promoter-Virus Cell Transformation  
\$103,535  
(M. Waite, Principal Investigator; L. Daniel, Co-Investigator; L.S. Kucera, Collaborator)  
Experiments are being done to determine the origin and structure of the prostaglandins  
produced upon exposure of transformed cells to tumor promoters (12-O-tetradecanoyl-  
phorbol-13-acetate).

6/1/81 - 5/31/83 National Cancer Institute, NIH CA 12197  
Tumor Promoter Interaction with Viral DNA in Herpes Simplex Virus Type 2  
Transformed Cells  
\$4,700.00

(Kilpatrick, Principal Investigator;  
L.S. Kucera, Co-Investigator)

9/1/81 - 8/31/83 Forsyth Cancer Service  
An Experimental Model for Elucidating a Possible Multistep Process in Human  
Carcinogenesis  
\$1,500

9/15/82 - 9/14/84 Pilot Grant Funds  
Department of Radiology  
Development of Monoclonal Antibodies to a Tumor-Associated Antigen Ag4  
\$11,800  
(L.S. Kucera, Principal Investigator;  
M.J. Ricardo, Co-Investigator)  
Purified Ag4 generated in our laboratory is being used to develop monospecific  
antibodies. The monospecific antiserum will be used to localize primary and metastatic  
tumors and to target toxic agents to herpes simplex virus type 2 transformed cells.

7/1/83 - 6/30/84 Intramural Research Support  
Bowman Gray School of Medicine  
The Consequences of Ovarian Hormones-Herpes Simplex Virus Type 2 Interactions on  
the Phenotypic Properties of the Uterine Cervix of C3H Mice  
\$4,295  
(W.J. Bo, Principal Investigator; L.S. Kucera, Co-Investigator)

9/15/83 - 9/14/85 Forsyth Cancer Service  
Consequences of Phorbol Diester Stimulation of Prostaglandin Synthesis and  
Cocarcinogen Metabolism During Herpes Simplex Virus Carcinogenesis  
\$3,000  
(Catherine Krebs, Student Investigator; Louis S. Kucera, Sponsor)

10/1/83 - 9/30/87 National Heart and Lung Institute, NIH  
Functional Development of Neonatal Alveolar Macrophages  
\$368,119  
(Q.N. Myrvik, Principal Investigator; L.S. Kucera, Co-Investigator)

11/1/86 - 10/31/88 DuPont, Inc.  
Development of Herpesvirus-induced Ag4/ICP10 Tumor Antigen for use in the  
Immunoprognois of Human Cervical Carcinoma  
\$20,500  
(L.S. Kucera, Principal Investigator)

12/1/87 - 11/30/88 NIH  
Investigation of Retrovirus Prevalence in the Nonhuman Primate Colony at BGSM  
\$9,550  
(L.S. Kucera, Principal Investigator)

1/1/88 - 12/31/88 R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.  
Macrophage Migration Enhancement Factor and Natural Suppressor Cells  
\$108,864  
(Q.N. Myrvik, Principal Investigator; L.S. Kucera, Co-Investigator)

4/1/88 - 3/31/91 National Heart and Lung Institute, NIH  
Functional Development of Neonatal Alveolar Macrophages  
\$488,647  
(Q.N. Myrvik, Principal Investigator; L.S. Kucera, Co-Investigator)

9/1/88 - 8/31/90 Forsyth Cancer Service  
Investigations of a Novel Bacterial Cytolysin with Potent Killing Activity of Human  
Leukemia Cells  
\$4,000  
(L.S. Kucera, Principal Investigator; A.S. Kreger, Co-Investigator)

6/1/90 - 5/31/91 Boehringer Mannheim GmbH  
Evaluation of Ether Lipid Compounds for Anti-HIV Activity  
\$112,540  
(L.S. Kucera, Principal Investigator; C. Piantadosi, Co-Investigator)

9/1/89 - 11/30/92 NIH  
NCDDG for the Treatment of AIDS: Nucleosides and Thiosemicarbazones as Selective  
Inhibitors of HIV  
\$147,419  
(L.S. Kucera, Program Leader for Program II)

9/7/92 - 3/6/93 North Carolina Biotechnology Center  
Events Support Grants Program Animals, Vaccines, Polio and AIDS  
\$2,500  
(L.S. Kucera, Principal Investigator)

1/1/93 - 12/31/94 Sphinx Pharmaceuticals Corporation  
In-Vitro Evaluation of Novel Ether Lipid Analogs for Cell Cytotoxicity and Activity  
Against HIV and Hepatitis B Virus Infection  
\$240,000  
(L.S. Kucera, Principal Investigator)

10/27/93 - 12/31/93 North Carolina Biotechnology Center  
Educational Meetings Grants Program From Molecules to the Mind; The Use of Animals  
in Biomedical Research  
\$2,375  
(L.S. Kucera, Principal Investigator)

6/1/94 - 8/15/94 Pediatric Aids Foundation

Student Intern Award

\$2,000

L.S. Kucera, Principal Investigator

12/15/95 – 12/14/97 Boehringer Mannheim GmbH

Biological Evaluations of Optimal Anti-HIV-1 Synthetic Phospholipid-Conjugates

\$200,000.

(L. S. Kucera, Principal Investigator)

02/01/97 – 01/31/98 NIH-NCI

Tissue Culture Core Laboratory

\$62,425

(L. S. Kucera, Core Laboratory Director)

02/01/98 – 01/31/00

Tissue Culture Core Laboratory

\$131,664

(L.S. Kucera, Core Laboratory Director)

04/01/97 – 03/31/02 NIH-NIAID

Interaction of HIV, Macrophages and Salmonella

\$1,042,898

(S. B. Mizel, Principal Investigator; L. S. Kucera, Co-Investigator)

10/01/99 – 09/29/01 NIH-NIAID

Simian Virus 5 as an HIV Vaccine Vector

\$200,000

(G. Parks, Principal Investigator, L.S. Kucera, Co-Investigator)

12/15/00 – 02/28/02 Eli Lilly & Co.

Use of Synthetic Phospholipids for Drug Delivery

\$134,195

L.S. Kucera, Principal Investigator

01/30/02 – 01/29/03 Kucera Pharmaceutical Company

Pharmacologic Activity of Novel Synthetic Phospholipid-AZT Conjugates in HIV

Infected Cells

\$136,030

L.S. Kucera, Principal Investigator

02/01/01 – 01/31/07 NIH-NCI

Cell Culture and Virus Vector Core Laboratory

\$382,027

(L.S. Kucera, Core Laboratory Director)

## **PATENTS:**

Piantadosi C, Ishaq KS, Marasco C Jr, Daniel LW, Kucera LS, Modest EJ, Goz BP. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/262, 458, Filed 25 October 89 for Quaternary Ammonium Derivatives of Alkylglycerols. Patent Number: 5,614,548

Piantadosi C, Kucera LS, Marasco C Jr, Meyer KL. A Family of Phosphorus-Containing Lipid Nucleoside Analogs as Anti-HIV-1 Agents. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/539, 001, Filed 15 June 91 for Ether Lipid-Nucleoside Conjugates. Patent Number: 5,512,671

Townsend LB, Drach JC, Kucera LS. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/687, 579, Filed 19 April 91 for Triciribine and Analogs as Antiviral Drugs. Patent Number: 5,633,235

Kucera LS, Morris-Natschke S. U.S. Patent Application, Filed 10 June 93 for Method of Combatting Hepatitis B Virus Infection.

Kucera LS, Morris-Natschke SL, Ishaq KS. U.S. Patent Application, Filed 29 August 94 for Method of Combatting Viral Infections and Compounds for Same.

Kucera LS, Fleming RA, Ishaq KS, Kucera GL, Morris-Natschke SL. U.S. Patent filed April 27, 2001, 09/844,201 Compositions and Methods for Double-Targeting Virus Infections and Targeting Cancer Cells.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

Sigma Xi  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Association for the Advancement of Science  
International Agency for Research on Cancer  
Fellow in the American Academy of Microbiology  
American Society for Virology  
New York Academy of Sciences  
International AIDS Society  
International Society for Antiviral Research

## **DIRECTORY LISTINGS:**

Who's Who in the South and Southeast  
American Men and Women of Science  
North Carolina Scientists in Biotechnology

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

Member, Diocese of Charlotte Board of Education  
Representative, United Fund Campaign  
Representative, YMCA Building Fund  
Executive Board Member, Winston-Salem Area Soapbox Derby, Inc.  
Treasurer, Parent Teachers Association, Our Lady of Mercy School  
President, Parent Teachers Association, Our Lady of Mercy School  
Chairman, Education Commission, Our Lady of Mercy Church  
Parish Council, Our Lady of Mercy Church

**PERSONAL INTERESTS:**

Golf, Camping, Hiking, Sportscar Buff, Foreign Travel

**LECTURES, SPEECHES, EXHIBITS, FILMS:**

Kucera LS. Oncogenic properties of a continuous line of Lucke tumor cells. In Spear P, Nahmias A. Abstracts of papers presented at the meeting on the herpes viruses, August 17-20, 1973. Cold Spring Harbor, NY: Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, 1973.

Kucera LS, Gusdon JP. Oncogenic transformation of rat embryo fibroblasts with photoinactivated herpes simplex virus type 2. In: Pagano JS, Shubak-Sharpe J, eds. Abstracts of papers presented at the third meeting on herpes viruses, August 31 - September 4, 1976. Cold Spring Harbor, NY: Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, 1976.

Kucera LS, Edwards I. Stable properties of clonal lines of rat embryo cells transformed with photoinactivated herpes simplex viruses. Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1977.

Kucera LS, Edwards I. Herpes simplex virus type 2 (HSV-2) functions expressed during stimulation of human cell DNA synthesis. Herpes Virus Workshop. Program and abstracts, St. John's College, Cambridge, England 1978.

Kucera LS, Hale AH, Daniel LW, Waite BM. Parameters distinguishing herpes simplex virus type 2 transformed tumorigenic and nontumorigenic rat cells. In: Kieff E, Schaffer, eds. Abstracts of papers presented at the Fourth Cold Spring Harbor Meeting on Herpesviruses, August 28 - September 2, 1979. Cold Spring Harbor, NY: Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, 1979.

Kucera LS, Edwards I, Respass RA. The tumor promoter (tetradecanoyl-phorbol-13-acetate) enhances the malignant potential of herpes simplex virus, type 2 transformed cells. In: Hayward GS, Summers WC, eds. Abstracts of papers presented at the Fifth Cold Spring Harbor Meeting on Herpesviruses. Cold Spring Harbor, NY: Cold Spring Laboratory 1980.



- Respass RA, Kucera LS, Waite BM. Aminoacyl-fucosides as in vitro markers of tumorigenic potential of tetradecanoyl phorbol acetate (TPA) treated and untreated herpes simplex virus, type 2, (HSV-2) transformed rat cells. In: Hayward GS, Summers WC, eds. Abstracts of papers presented at the Fifth Cold Spring Harbor Meeting on Herpesviruses. Cold Spring Harbor, NY: Cold Spring Laboratory, 1980.
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## ***In vitro* evaluation and characterization of newly designed alkylamidophospholipid analogues as anti-human immunodeficiency virus type 1 agents**

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Our laboratories first reported two novel classes of complex synthetic lipids, including alkylamidophosphocholines (PC lipid; CP-51) and alkylamidophosphate ester-linked lipid-AZT conjugates (lipid-AZT conjugates; CP-92), with selective and potent activity against human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1). To extend these observations, we synthesized additional PC lipids and lipid-AZT conjugates (INK and INK-AZT conjugate) to evaluate their structure-activity relationships by testing for selectivity against infectious wild-type (wt) and drug-resistant HIV-1 replication, virus fusogenic activity and toxicity for mouse bone marrow cells. PC lipid compounds with medium chain lengths at positions 1 and 2 gave an improved selective index (SI). INK-3, with 12 and 8 carbons and INK-15, with 10 and 12 carbons were among the most selective when evaluated in CEM-SS cells. INK-14, a lipid-AZT conjugate where AZT replaced the choline in PC

lipid INK-3, gave the highest SI of >1250 against both infectious wt HIV-1 replication in CEM-SS cells and a clinical isolate in peripheral blood leukocytes. Notably, the PC lipid compounds INK-3 and INK-15, but not the lipid-AZT conjugate INK-14, were potent inhibitors of matched pairs of AZT-sensitive and AZT-resistant HIV-1 clinical isolates. INK-3 also inhibited replication of HIV-2 and TIBO-resistant HIV-1, and inhibited HIV-1-mediated fusogenic activity by 78, 41 and 9% in a dose-dependent manner. The  $TC_{50}$  for mouse bone marrow cells was >100  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  for INK-3 compared to 9.15–14.17  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  for CP-51 and 0.142–0.259  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  for AZT. These data suggest that optimum PC lipid compounds are significantly less toxic than AZT and have high potential as novel therapeutic agents for AIDS.

**Keywords:** alkylamidophosphocholine; phospholipid-nucleoside conjugate; HIV-1; AIDS

### **Introduction**

Our laboratories first reported on two novel classes of complex synthetic lipids (alkylamidopropyl or alkylthioglycerol phosphocholines and phosphate ester-linked lipid-AZT conjugates) that have selective and potent activity against infectious human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) replication and pathogenesis *in vitro*. These compounds have a unique site of action involving alteration of HIV gp160/gp120 activity and production of defective virus particles (Kucera *et al.*, 1990a,b; Meyer *et al.*, 1991; Pianradosi *et al.*, 1991; Krugner-Higby *et al.*, 1995). A thiolipid-nucleotide conjugate (BM21-1290) has recently been introduced into Phase I/II tolerability and efficacy trials in ARC/AIDS patients by Boehringer Mannheim (Herrmann DBJ, Schlegel C & Opitz HG; Antiretroviral

activity of the novel candidate anti-AIDS drug BM21.1290 in the Friend-virus leukemia system *in vivo*; *VIth German AIDS Congress*, October 24–26 1997, Munich, Germany, Abstract V160; Herrmann DBJ, Opitz HG & Kucera LS; BM21-1290: evaluation of the antiretroviral activity of a new anti-AIDS drug *in vivo*. *IVth Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections*, January 22–26 1997, Washington, DC, USA, Abstract p92). Among the reported alkylamidopropyl phosphocholine (PC lipid) analogues synthesized and tested for anti-HIV-1 activity, the most selective was compound CP-51, 1-octadecanamido-2-ethoxypropyl-3-phosphocholine (Kucera *et al.*, 1990a). In order to extend these observations, we synthesized a series of CP-51 analogues to

evaluate their structure-activity relationships and thus to optimize the PC lipid compound for future evaluation as a potential therapeutic agent for AIDS. Results of this investigation indicated that among the PC lipid compounds tested in CEM-SS cells, compounds INK-3 and INK-15 with intermediate hydrocarbon chain lengths of 12 and 10, respectively, at position 1, and of 8 and 12, respectively, at position 2, gave the highest selectivity index (SI) against infectious HIV-1 replication. Selected PC lipid compounds were active against AZT-resistant clinical isolates, TIBO-resistant HIV-1 and wild-type HIV-2, inhibited HIV-1 fusogenic activity, and were less toxic to mouse bone marrow cells compared to AZT. Based on these interesting results, optimum PC lipid compounds may have great potential as novel therapeutic agents for AIDS, either alone or in combination therapy.

### Materials and Methods: Chemistry

All chemicals were used as provided by the supplier without further purification unless otherwise indicated. AZT was obtained from Boehringer Mannheim (Mannheim, Germany). Column chromatography was performed with silica gel 60 (230–400 or 70–230 mesh). Melting points were obtained on a Hoover Meltemp apparatus and are uncorrected. Proton NMR spectra were obtained on Bruker 300 MHz or Varian 400 MHz spectrometer as solutions in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  with  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$  as an internal standard. The final compounds were, in general, hygroscopic solids. FAB mass spectra were run on a VG 70S mass spectrometer. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) of phosphocholines in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ : $\text{MeOH}$ : $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  (70:35:7) and  $\text{CHCl}_3$ : $\text{MeOH}$  (2:1) gave a single spot, which gave a blue colour with a modified Dittmer–Lester reagent (Ryu & MacCoss, 1979). A representative synthetic procedure is given for INK-3; the remaining phosphocholines were prepared from the appropriate reagents using analogous procedures as those detailed below and in our previous papers (Piantadosi *et al.*, 1991; Meyer *et al.*, 1991; Morris-Natschke *et al.*, 1993). Complete high resolution mass spectra results are available as supplementary data from the Editor-in-Chief.

#### 3-Dodecanamido-1,2-propanediol

3-Amino-1,2-propanediol (42 g, 0.47 mol) was dissolved in pyridine (150 ml) and DMF (200 ml). Dodecanoyl chloride (47 g, 0.46 mol) in 150 ml DMF was added dropwise. After 24 h at room temperature, the product was removed by filtration, washed with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and recrystallized from  $\text{MeOH}$ , then from  $\text{CHCl}_3$ . The amide was obtained in 28% yield (34.7 g, 0.013 mol, m.p. 94–96°C).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 0.90 (t, 3H, terminal  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.25 [m, 16H ( $\text{CH}_2$ )<sub>8</sub>], 1.6 (m, 2H,  $\text{NHCOCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.25 (t, 2H,

$\text{NHCOCH}_2$ ), 3.45 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{NH}$ ), 3.6 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ), 3.8 (m, 1H,  $\text{CHOH}$ ), 5.8 (t, 1H, NH).

#### 3-Dodecanamido-1-triphenylmethoxy-2-propanol

The above diol (5.5 g, 0.020 mol) was dissolved in dry pyridine (50 ml), then a solution of trityl chloride (5.6 g, 0.020 mol) in pyridine (50 ml) was added dropwise at 50°C. The reaction mixture was stirred at this temperature for 10 h and then cooled. The pyridine was removed under vacuum, and water (100 ml) was added to the solid residue. After filtration and washing, the crude product was partitioned between water and  $\text{CHCl}_3$ . The water layer was extracted again with  $\text{CHCl}_3$  and the organic layers combined and dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . After removing solvent, the resulting solid was dissolved in hexane:ethyl acetate (3:1); 1 g of starting diol was filtered. The mother liquor was concentrated and chromatographed on silica gel with a discontinuous gradient of hexane:EtOAc to give 7 g (0.014 mol, 70% yield) of pure product.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 0.90 (t, 3H, terminal  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.25 [m, 16H ( $\text{CH}_2$ )<sub>8</sub>], 1.6 (m, 2H,  $\text{NHCOCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.2 (t, 2H,  $\text{NHCOCH}_2$ ), 3.2–3.4 (overlapping m, 3H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{NH}$  and  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OTr}$ ), 3.55 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Tr}$ ), 3.9 (m, 1H,  $\text{CHOH}$ ), 5.7 (t, 1H, NH), 7.3–7.5 (m, 15H, aromatic H).

#### 3-Dodecanamido-2-octyloxy-1-triphenylmethoxypropane

The synthesized trityl ether (7.0 g, 0.013 mol) in 30 ml dry THF was added dropwise to an ice-cooled suspension of sodium hydride (1.0 g of 60% oil dispersion, 0.025 mol) in 100 ml THF under nitrogen. After warming to room temperature, heat was applied (60°C) for 1 h. 1-Bromooctane (2.9 g, 0.015 mol, neat) was added dropwise and heating continued for 10 h. After cooling, ice and then water were added slowly. The biphasic system was separated and the water layer extracted with EtOAc (3×50 ml). All organic fractions were combined and dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . After removing solvent *in vacuo*, the residue was chromatographed with a gradient of hexane:EtOAc (100:0 to 6:1) to give 3.6 g (38% yield) of pure product. Impure product was rechromatographed using the same conditions to give an added 3.0 g (31% yield) of product as a viscous oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 0.85 (t, 6H, terminal  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.25 [m, 26H ( $\text{CH}_2$ )<sub>8</sub> and ( $\text{CH}_2$ )<sub>6</sub>], 1.45 (m, 4H,  $\text{NHCOCH}_2\text{CH}_2$  and  $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.2 (t, 2H,  $\text{NHCOCH}_2$ ), 3.2–3.6 (overlapping m, 7H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CHCH}_2$ ,  $\text{OCH}_2$ ), 5.75 (t, 1H, NH), 7.3–7.5 (m, 15H, aromatic H).

#### 3-Dodecanamido-2-octyloxy-1-propanol

Detritylation of the above compound (6.0 g, 9.5 mmol) was accomplished using *p*-toluenesulphonic acid (0.6 g, 3.1 mmol) in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ : $\text{MeOH}$  (60 ml:18 ml). The reaction

mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h then saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution was added and stirred for 30 min. The layers were separated and the  $\text{CHCl}_3$  fraction dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . After concentration *in vacuo*, the residue was purified twice by column chromatography using  $\text{CHCl}_3$ :MeOH as eluent (100:0 and 15:1) to give 3.0 g (80% yield) of pure 3-dodecanamido-2-octyloxy-1-propanol (m.p. 42–43°C).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 0.9 (t, 6H, terminal  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.25 [m, 26H ( $\text{CH}_2$ )<sub>8</sub> and ( $\text{CH}_2$ )<sub>5</sub>], 1.6 (m, 4H,  $\text{NHCOCH}_2\text{CH}_2$  and  $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.2 (t, 2H,  $\text{NHCOCH}_2$ ), 3.2–3.7 (overlapping m, 7H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CHCH}_2$ ,  $\text{OCH}_2$ ), 5.75 (t, 1H, NH).

### 3-Dodecanamido-2-octyloxypropyl 2-bromoethyl phosphate

3-Dodecanamido-2-octyloxy-1-propanol (1.0 g, 2.6 mmol) in 60 ml 2:1 anhydrous  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ :THF was cooled to 0°C. Pyridine (3.3 g) then 2-bromoethyl dichlorophosphate (2.4 g, 0.010 mol, prepared as described by Hansen *et al.*, 1992) were added dropwise. After warming to room temperature, the mixture was refluxed for 4 h, cooled and water (10 ml) added. After stirring for 30 min, the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue dissolved in 100 ml  $\text{CHCl}_3$ :MeOH (2:1). The solution was extracted with water and back-extracted with 2x50 ml 2:1  $\text{CHCl}_3$ :MeOH. The combined organic fractions were dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , evaporated and chromatographed on silica gel using a gradient of  $\text{CHCl}_3$ :MeOH (100:1 to 15:1). The desired bromoethylphosphate (633 mg, 1.1 mmol) was obtained in 43% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 0.85 (t, 6H, terminal  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.25 [m, 26H ( $\text{CH}_2$ )<sub>8</sub> and ( $\text{CH}_2$ )<sub>5</sub>], 1.55 (m, 4H,  $\text{NHCOCH}_2\text{CH}_2$  and  $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.3 (t, 2H,  $\text{COCH}_2$ ), 3.4–3.7 (overlapping m, 7H,  $\text{CHCH}_2\text{NHCO}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$ ,  $\text{OCH}_2$ ), 3.85 and 4.25 (two m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OPO}_3\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.8 (m, 1H, NH).

### 3-Dodecanamido-2-octyloxypropyl phosphocholine (INK-3)

The above phosphate ester (633 mg, 1.1 mmol) in 52 ml  $\text{CHCl}_3$ :isopropanol:DMF (5:3:5) was reacted with aqueous  $\text{Me}_3\text{N}$  (7.6 ml) at 65°C for 5 h. After cooling,  $\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$  (380 mg) was added and the heat reapplied for 1 h. After filtering the precipitated  $\text{AgBr}$ , the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue purified by chromatography on silica gel using  $\text{CHCl}_3$ :MeOH (10:1 to 2:1) followed by  $\text{CHCl}_3$ :MeOH: $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  (75:25:5) to give 275 mg pure (46% yield) and 140 mg impure phosphocholine. FAB MS showed a  $[\text{MH}]^+$  ion at 551.418345 ( $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{60}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{P}$ , 1.0 p.p.m.).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 0.87 (t, 6H, terminal  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.25 [m, 26H ( $\text{CH}_2$ )<sub>8</sub> and ( $\text{CH}_2$ )<sub>5</sub>], 1.5 (m, 4H,  $\text{NHCOCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.2 (t, 2H,  $\text{COCH}_2$ ), 3.3 [s, 9H,  $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ], 3.3–3.8 (overlapping m, 5H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CHOCH}_2$ ) (3.8–3.9, overlapping m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OP}$ ,

$\text{CH}_2\text{NMe}_3$ ), 4.4 (m, 2H,  $\text{PO}_3\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.0 (m, 1H, NH).

### 3-Dodecanamido-2-octyloxypropyl diphenyl phosphate

Diphenylchlorophosphate (0.4 ml, 1.7 mmol) in 10 ml diethyl ether was cooled to 4°C under nitrogen. 3-Dodecanamido-2-octyloxy-1-propanol (500 mg, 1.3 mmol) in 8 ml pyridine and 10 ml  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  was added dropwise. The solution was warmed to room temperature, then heated to around 52°C for 4 h and cooled to room temperature, diluted with 30 ml  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , washed with 15 ml portions of water, 0.5 M HCl and water. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to an oil. Chromatography with a gradient of hexane:EtOAc (10:1 to 3:1) gave 556 mg (0.9 mmol, 69%) of pure product.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 0.9 (t, 6H, terminal  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.25 [m, 26H ( $\text{CH}_2$ )<sub>8</sub> and ( $\text{CH}_2$ )<sub>5</sub>], 1.55 (m, 4H,  $\text{NHCOCH}_2\text{CH}_2$  and  $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.3 (t, 2H,  $\text{COCH}_2$ ), 3.3–3.7 (overlapping m, 5H,  $\text{OCH}_2$ ,  $\text{CHCH}_2\text{NHCO}$ ), 4.25 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OP}$ ), 5.9 (m, 1H, NH), 7.2–7.8 (m, 10H, aromatic H).

### 3-Dodecanamido-2-octyloxypropyl phosphatidic acid

$\text{PrO}_2$  (81 mg) was placed in a Parr hydrogenation bottle. 3-Dodecanamido-2-octyloxypropyl diphenyl phosphate (589 mg, 1.0 mmol) in 118 ml EtOH was then added. After hydrogenation at 158.5 kPa (23 p.s.i.) for 4.5 h, the reaction mixture was filtered and checked for completion by TLC. To ensure complete conversion to the phosphatidic acid, hydrogenation was continued for another 6 h using 120 mg of fresh catalyst. The reaction mixture was then filtered through Celite and the EtOH removed *in vacuo*. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel using 4:1  $\text{CHCl}_3$ :MeOH as eluent to obtain 233 mg (0.54 mmol, 54% yield) of pure phosphatidic acid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 0.9 (t, 6H, terminal  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.25 [m, 26H ( $\text{CH}_2$ )<sub>8</sub> and ( $\text{CH}_2$ )<sub>5</sub>], 1.55 (m, 4H,  $\text{NHCOCH}_2\text{CH}_2$  and  $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.3 (t, 2H,  $\text{COCH}_2$ ), 3.3–3.7 (overlapping m, 5H,  $\text{OCH}_2$ ,  $\text{CHCH}_2\text{NHCO}$ ), 4.0 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OP}$ ), 6.8 (m, 1H, NH).

### 3'-Azido-3'-deoxy-5'-(3-dodecanamido-2-octyloxypropyl)-phosphothymidine (INK-14)

The procedure of Piantadosi *et al.* (1991) was followed to synthesize INK-14 in 22% yield from the above phosphatidic acid and AZT. FAB MS showed a  $[\text{MH}+\text{Na}]^+$  ion at 737.403800 ( $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{59}\text{N}_6\text{O}_9\text{PNa}$ , -8.0 p.p.m.).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 0.9 (t, 6H, terminal  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.25 [m, 26H ( $\text{CH}_2$ )<sub>8</sub> and ( $\text{CH}_2$ )<sub>5</sub>], 1.55 (m, 4H,  $\text{NHCOCH}_2\text{CH}_2$  and  $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.8 (s, 3H, thymine  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.2 (t, 2H,  $\text{COCH}_2$ ), 2.3–2.55 (m, 2H, 2'- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.3–3.6 (overlapping m, 5H,  $\text{OCH}_2$ ,  $\text{CHCH}_2\text{NHCO}$ ), 3.8–4.2 (overlapping m, 5H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OPO}_3\text{CH}_2$ , 4'-CH), 4.5 (1H, 3'-CH), 6.15 (m, 1'-CH), 7.4 (m, 1H, thymine CH).

## Materials and Methods: Virology

### Virus stocks

HIV-1 (strain IIB) was propagated in H9IIB cells as previously described (Krugner-Higby *et al.*, 1995). Stocks of HIV-2 from R Weiss (Institute of Cancer Research, London, UK), TIBO-resistant HIV-1 (RT mutant at codons 103 and 181) from E Emini (Merck, Sharp & Dohme Research Laboratories, West Point, Pa., USA) and AZT-resistant HIV-1 isolates 1073 (RT mutant at codons 70 and 215) and 1074 (RT mutant at codons 70 and 215), and matched pairs of AZT-sensitive and AZT-resistant HIV-1 clinical isolates G-762 (wild-type), G-691 (RT mutant) and H112-2 (wild-type), G-910 (RT mutant at codon 215) from D Richman (University of California, La Jolla, Calif., USA) were obtained through the AIDS Research and Reference Reagent Program (Division of AIDS Program, NIH, Bethesda, Md., USA). Stocks of viruses were propagated in acutely infected CEM-SS cells as previously described (Krugner-Higby *et al.*, 1995).

### Cell cultures

All primary peripheral blood leukocytes (PBL) and cell lines were incubated and maintained in RPMI 1640 medium supplemented with penicillin (100 U/ml), streptomycin (100 µg/ml), 2 mM L-glutamine and 20% fetal bovine serum (growth medium) as previously described (Krugner-Higby *et al.*, 1995). PBL were obtained from HIV-1-seronegative male and female personnel in the laboratory. Whole blood was separated into PBL using Isolymph (Gallard-Schlesinger Industries, Carle Place, N.Y., USA) according to a protocol supplied by the manufacturer. The separated PBL were activated for 3 days in the presence of phytohaemagglutinin (PHA; 5 µg/ml in growth medium), washed in growth medium, treated with polybrene (5 µg/ml in growth medium) and infected with HIV-1 in the presence of polybrene (1 µg/ml in growth medium). After a 2 h virus attachment, the cells were washed with growth medium to remove unattached HIV-1 and incubated ( $1 \times 10^6$  cells/ml of growth medium) for 96 h with or without added test compounds. Supernatant medium was harvested to measure virus replication by reverse transcriptase (RT) activity (Krugner-Higby *et al.*, 1995).

### TC<sub>50</sub> determinations

To measure the cytotoxicity in CEM-SS cells, test compounds were dissolved in 95% ethanol, methanol:chloroform (1:1) or RPMI 1640 plus 20% FBS growth medium, diluted in log<sub>10</sub> or 0.5 log<sub>10</sub> series in growth medium and tested for cytotoxicity in triplicate wells containing 10 000 CEM-SS cells/well of a 96-well plate. A viable cell count was made prior to the test to ensure more

than 90% cell viability. Log phase cells were treated with test compound for 48 h at 37°C (approximately 2.5 cell generations in untreated control cultures) and pulse-labelled with 1 µCi [<sup>3</sup>H]TdR (sp. act. 20 Ci/mmol) for 6 h before harvesting the cells using a multichannel cell harvester to measure total DNA synthesis in the presence or absence of compound. To measure cytotoxicity in PBL, the cells were activated with PHA (5 µg/ml) for 72 h, washed to remove the PHA and 20 000 activated PBL cells/well were cultured for 96 h in growth medium with or without test compound as described for CEM-SS cells. The treated PBL cells were labelled with 0.1 µCi [<sup>3</sup>H]TdR (sp. act. 20 Ci/mmol) during the final 24 h culture period before harvesting. From the data, a TC<sub>50</sub> for cytotoxicity was calculated as previously described by Chou and coworkers (Chou & Talalay, 1987; Johnson *et al.*, 1989) as cited by Piantadosi *et al.* (1991).

### Syncytium plaque assay

The syncytium plaque assay for infectious virus multiplication was done in the presence or absence of PC lipid or lipid-AZT conjugate as previously described by us (Kucera *et al.*, 1990a). The syncytium plaques were counted on day 5 or 6 post-infection and treatment and the percentage inhibition and effective concentration<sub>50</sub> (EC<sub>50</sub>) were calculated by the method of Chou and coworkers (Chou & Talalay, 1987; Johnson *et al.*, 1989) as cited by Piantadosi *et al.* (1991).

### Fusogenic assay

Persistently HIV-1-infected H9IIB cells were treated with compound for 96 h and cocultured with uninfected CD4<sup>+</sup> CEM-SS cells (ratio 1:100) in the presence of added compound for 48 h. The number of fusogenic cells was counted relative to untreated control cells to determine the percentage inhibition of fusogenic cells. The EC<sub>50</sub> values were calculated by the method cited by Piantadosi *et al.* (1991).

### Colony forming units-granulocyte macrophage (CFU-GM) assay

Mouse bone marrow granulocyte/macrophage cells were harvested and suspended in soft agar medium with or without added test compound (Herrmann DBJ, Kucera LS, Zilch H, Mertens A & Opitz HG; BM21.1290: in-vitro evaluation of a potential new anti-AIDS compound; *XIth International Conference on AIDS*, July 7-12 1996, Vancouver, Canada, Abstract p64). After incubation, the number of cell colonies was counted to determine the percentage inhibition of colony formation relative to a mock (PBS)-treated control. The 50% toxic concentration (TC<sub>50</sub>) was calculated by the method cited by Piantadosi *et al.* (1991).



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**Table 3. Evaluation of PC lipids INK-3 and CP-51 and AZT against TIBO-resistant, AZT-resistant HIV-1 and wild-type HIV-2 measured by syncytial plaque assay**

| Compound | EC <sub>50</sub> (μM)* |      |      |      |      |       |
|----------|------------------------|------|------|------|------|-------|
|          | TIBO                   | 1073 | 1074 | G910 | G691 | HIV-2 |
| INK-3    | 0.11                   | 0.90 | 0.19 | 0.20 | 0.12 | 0.21  |
| CP-51    | 0.10                   | 0.19 | 0.20 | 0.64 | 0.33 | 0.32  |
| AZT      | ND                     | 0.16 | 0.03 | >2.5 | >2.5 | ND    |

\*EC<sub>50</sub> values were calculated by the method of Chou and coworkers (Chou & Talalay, 1987; Johnson et al., 1989) as cited by Plantadosi et al. (1991).

**Table 4. Evaluation of INK compounds for activity against matched pairs of AZT-sensitive and AZT-resistant HIV-1 clinical isolates**

| Compound | EC <sub>50</sub> (μM)   |                         | Fold increase<br>res./sen. |
|----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
|          | AZT-sensitive<br>strain | AZT-resistant<br>strain |                            |
|          | G-762                   | G-691                   |                            |
| INK-14   | 0.10                    | 2.34                    | 23.4                       |
| INK-15   | 0.06                    | 0.08                    | 1.3                        |
| AZT      | 0.003                   | 2.20                    | 673.3                      |
| Compound | EC <sub>50</sub> (μM)   |                         | Fold increase<br>res./sen. |
|          | H112-2                  | G-910                   |                            |
|          | G-762                   | G-691                   |                            |
|          | AZT-sensitive<br>strain | AZT-resistant<br>strain |                            |
| INK-14   | 0.01                    | 4.69                    | 469                        |
| INK-15   | 0.07                    | 0.02                    | <1                         |
| AZT      | 0.004                   | 0.30                    | 75                         |

Assays were carried out using CEM-SS cells and the syncytial plaque assay.

Abbreviations: res: resistant; sen: sensitive

among all the compounds evaluated. In PBL cells, the TC<sub>50</sub> values were comparable to those from CEM-SS cells. However, the EC<sub>50</sub> values were consistently higher in PBL than in CEM-SS cells (Table 2). These results were most likely due to differences in sensitivity of prototype HIV-1 (strain H9IIIB) and a clinical isolate (strain H112-2) to the test compounds.

#### Inhibition of HIV-2 and TIBO- and AZT-resistant HIV-1 strains as measured by syncytial plaque assay

Since selected PC lipid compounds (for example INK-3 and CP-51) have potent activity against prototype strains of HIV-1, we extended evaluation of their activity against HIV-2 and TIBO- and AZT-resistant HIV-1 clinical isolates. Results (Table 3) indicated that both INK-3 and CP-51 gave dose-dependent activity against HIV-2, with EC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.21 and 0.32 μM and against TIBO-resistant HIV-1 with EC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.11 and 0.10 μM, respectively. The EC<sub>50</sub> values for INK-3 and CP-51 against AZT-resistant HIV-1 clinical isolates (1073, 1074, G910, G691) ranged from 0.12 to 0.90 μM and 0.19 to 0.64 μM, respectively (Table 3). The EC<sub>50</sub> values for AZT against

the same AZT-resistant HIV-1 clinical isolates ranged from 0.03 to >2.5 μM (Table 3). Note that the EC<sub>50</sub> for AZT against a sensitive prototype HIV-1 strain was 0.009 μM (Table 2). Other results indicated that the PC lipid INK-15 had no significant fold increase in EC<sub>50</sub> between the matched pairs of AZT-sensitive and AZT-resistant HIV-1 clinical isolates (Table 4). However, the lipid-AZT conjugate INK-14 and AZT alone showed a significant fold increase in the EC<sub>50</sub> ratio between the AZT-sensitive and AZT-resistant HIV-1 clinical isolates of 23.4, 469 and 673.3, 75, respectively. In summary, the PC lipids INK-3 and CP-51 have potent activity against HIV-2 and TIBO- and AZT-resistant HIV-1. There is no apparent cross-resistance between PC lipid and TIBO or AZT compounds. In contrast, the lipid-AZT conjugate (INK-14) did show some cross-resistance with AZT.

#### Inhibition of fusogenic activity between persistently HIV-1-infected H9IIIB cells and uninfected CD4<sup>+</sup> CEM-SS cells

Published data from our laboratories indicated that CP-51 significantly inhibited HIV-1-induced fusogenic activity (Krugner-Higby et al., 1995). In similar experiments (Table 5), results indicated that INK-3 also has significant dose-dependent activity against HIV-1-induced fusogenic activity. The EC<sub>50</sub> values were 0.08, 0.18 and >1.0 μM for INK-2, -3, and -1, respectively (Table 5). These results suggest that selected PC lipid compounds active against infectious HIV production (Table 2) also inhibited virus-induced fusogenic activity.

#### Toxicity against mouse bone marrow cells as compared to AZT

Two independent experiments were designed to compare the relative toxicity of CP-51 and selected INK compounds with AZT. Results of these studies indicated that INK-2, -3 and -6 had a TC<sub>50</sub> value of >100 μg/ml (Table 6). In two experiments, the TC<sub>50</sub> values for CP-51 were 9.15 and 14.17 μg/ml compared to 0.142 and 0.259 μg/ml for AZT (Table 6). These data are interpreted to suggest that selected PC lipid compounds are significantly less cytotoxic than AZT to mouse bone marrow cells.

#### Discussion

Most of our previously synthesized alkylamidopropyl phosphocholines and alkoxy- and alkylthioglycerol phosphocholines (PC lipids) were analogues of phosphatidylcholine and contained a long hydrocarbon chain length (C16-C18) at position 1 and a short chain length (C1-C2) at position 2 of the three carbon backbone. Many of these compounds exhibited potent anti-HIV-1 activity. The most promising analogue we have reported to date

**Table 5. Effect of PC lipid compounds on fusogenic activity between persistently HIV-1-infected H9IIIB cells and uninfected CD4<sup>+</sup> CEM-SS cells**

| Compound | Concentration ( $\mu$ M) | Inhibition of fused cells (%) | IC <sub>50</sub> ( $\mu$ M) |
|----------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| INK-1    | 1.0                      | 18                            | >1.0                        |
|          | 0.1                      | 27                            |                             |
|          | 0.01                     | 17                            |                             |
| INK-2    | 1.0                      | 86                            | 0.08                        |
|          | 0.1                      | 53                            |                             |
|          | 0.01                     | 17                            |                             |
| INK-3    | 1.0                      | 78                            | 0.18                        |
|          | 0.1                      | 41                            |                             |
|          | 0.01                     | 9                             |                             |

Persistently HIV-1-infected H9IIIB cells were treated with compound for 96 h and cocultured with uninfected CD4<sup>+</sup> CEM-SS cells (ratio 1 : 100) in the presence of added compound for 48 h. The number of fused cells was counted relative to untreated control cells to determine the percentage inhibition of fusion and the IC<sub>50</sub>. The IC<sub>50</sub> values were calculated by the method of Chou and coworkers (Chou & Talalay, 1987; Johnson *et al.*, 1989) as cited by Plantadosi *et al.* (1991).

**Table 6. In vitro cytotoxicity of PC lipid compounds in CFU-GM assays**

| Compound | TC <sub>50</sub> ( $\mu$ g/ml) |              |
|----------|--------------------------------|--------------|
|          | Experiment 1                   | Experiment 2 |
| CP-51    | 9.15                           | 14.17        |
| INK-2    | >100                           | >100         |
| INK-3    | >100                           | >100         |
| INK-6    | >100                           | >100         |
| AZT      | 0.142                          | 0.259        |

In control cultures treated with PBS there were 86 and 54 c.f.u./plate in Experiments 1 and 2, respectively.

(Kucera *et al.*, 1990a) was 1-octadecanamido-2-choxypropyl-3-phosphocholine (CP-51). This amidoalkyl derivative exhibited an EC<sub>50</sub> of 0.11  $\mu$ M and a SI of 130 (Table 2). Accordingly, we chose this analogue as our lead compound and proceeded to modify its structure to optimize its anti-HIV-1 inhibitory activity and/or SI. In addition, we wanted to ascertain whether a long hydrocarbon chain length at position 1 was essential for optimum anti-HIV-1 selectivity.

As seen from data in Table 2, numerous synthetic CP-51 analogues including INK-2, INK-3, INK-6 and INK-15 exhibited a higher SI than CP-51. The SI values for these analogues in CEM-SS cells were 184.0, 298.9, 191.4 and 389.0, respectively, whereas their EC<sub>50</sub> values were comparable to that of CP-51. These results demonstrated that a long hydrocarbon chain length of 16-18 carbons is not essential for optimum selectivity in this series of PC compounds. Notably, data presented in Table 2 suggested that a shorter hydrocarbon chain length (Table 1) at position 1 (10 or 12 carbons) and a longer chain at

position 2 (12 or 8 carbons) as seen in INK-15 and INK-3, respectively, improved the SI up to threefold (with a concomitant decrease in cytotoxicity) compared with the 18 and 2 hydrocarbon chain lengths in CP-51.

Previously, we synthesized a series of alkyletherglycerol phosphocholines (Meyer *et al.*, 1991). Like the alkylamido phosphocholine CP-51, these alkylether compounds had a long hydrocarbon chain (C16-C18,  $\alpha$ - or thioether) at position 1 and a short chain (methoxy or ethoxy) at position 2. The EC<sub>50</sub> values for these alkylether phosphocholines ranged from 0.3 to 1.4  $\mu$ M and their SI were lower (4 to 69) compared to that of CP-51 (130). In view of the above data with the INK compounds, it was of interest to synthesize an alkylether analogue of INK-2 to determine whether the SI could be similarly improved in this series. This alkylether analogue, INK-4, with oxyether hydrocarbon chain lengths of 12 and 10 at the 1 and 2 positions, respectively, exhibited an EC<sub>50</sub> of 0.64  $\mu$ M, a TC<sub>50</sub> of 75.7  $\mu$ M, and a SI of 118.3. Notably, the TC<sub>50</sub> value is significantly different from that of any previously reported alkylether phosphocholine (3 to 19  $\mu$ M; Meyer *et al.*, 1991), again demonstrating that such hydrocarbon chain length modifications will lead to a less cytotoxic compound. In summary, these data indicated that hydrocarbon chain lengths in the range of 10 to 12 at position 1 and 8 to 12 at position 2 should result in compounds with less cytotoxicity than those with 16 to 18 hydrocarbon chain lengths at position 1 and 1 to 2 at position 2.

Also, the TC<sub>50</sub> values from PBL cells were comparable to those from CEM-SS cells (Table 2). INK-13 and INK-14, with 8 and 10 carbons at position 1 and 7 carbons at position 2, respectively, were the least cytotoxic (TC<sub>50</sub>  $\geq$ 100  $\mu$ M) compounds in the series. At the present time, no specific experiments have been done to determine why INK-13 and INK-14 were the least cytotoxic in the series of compounds evaluated. In the case of the conjugate INK-14, the hypothesis is that the lipid component acts as a carrier for AZT. The lipid anchors the conjugate into the cell membrane and is metabolized to slowly release lower concentrations of AZT into cells compared to AZT treatment alone. The end result is reduced toxicity from AZT. Evidence in support of this hypothesis is the lower TC<sub>50</sub> and higher SI for INK-14 compared to AZT (Table 2).

In the case of the phospholipid-AZT conjugates, INK-14 [3'-azido-3'-deoxy-5'-(3-dodecylamido-2-octoxypropyl)-phosphothymidine] and CP-92 [3'-azido-3'-deoxy-5'-(3-octadecylamido-2-ethoxypropyl)-phosphothymidine] had comparable SI values [ $>$ 1250 (Table 2) and 1793 (Plantadosi *et al.*, 1991), respectively]. Both compounds had a higher SI than AZT alone (411, Table 2) and were three- to fourfold more selective than AZT. In addition, the cytotoxicity was lower; the TC<sub>50</sub> for INK-14 was  $>$ 100  $\mu$ M in comparison to 3.7  $\mu$ M for AZT.



The effects of lengthening the linkage between the phosphate ester and the quaternary ammonium functionality were also studied through the synthesis of INK-8, with three carbons separating the phosphate ester and the quaternary nitrogen. This modification increased the EC<sub>50</sub> and decreased the SI values (Table 2). At the present time, it is difficult to draw any definitive conclusion relating to such modification.

Based on these promising *in vitro* data, selected PC lipid and lipid-AZT conjugates were further evaluated. The results indicated that CP-51 and INK-3 also were active against HIV-2 and TIBO-resistant HIV-1 (Table 3). We also examined the effects of CP-51 and INK-3 against AZT-resistant HIV-1 clinical isolates (1073, 1074, G910, G691). As seen from the data in Table 3, both CP-51 and INK-3 were markedly active against the AZT-resistant mutants. Both the nucleoside analogue AZT and the non-nucleoside TIBO analogue R82150 (nevirapine; White *et al.*, 1991) are known to inhibit HIV-1 RT (De Clercq, 1995). However, unlike AZT, which can also inhibit HIV-2 RT activity, the non-nucleoside RT inhibitors do not inhibit HIV-2 RT activity. This difference in antiviral spectrum may be due to the non-nucleoside analogue binding at an allosteric site of RT, in contrast to the active site like AZT (De Clercq, 1995). From our present data, PC lipids are active against both TIBO- and AZT-resistant strains of HIV-1, suggesting that PC lipids do not target the same site(s) in the HIV replication cycle as compared to TIBO derivatives and AZT.

Using matched pairs of AZT-sensitive and AZT-resistant HIV-1 clinical isolates, results indicated that each pair of isolates tested was similarly inhibited by the PC lipid INK-15 (Table 4). These data are interpreted to suggest that PC lipids do not show cross-resistance with AZT. In contrast, these same pairs of clinical isolates did show increased resistance to the conjugate compound INK-14 and to AZT alone (Table 4), suggesting that the most active anti-HIV-1 component in the lipid-AZT conjugate compound is probably AZT.

Results in Table 5 indicate that PC lipids were also active in inhibiting fusogenic activity of HIV-1-infected cells with uninfected cells. Recent published evidence by other investigators (Feng *et al.*, 1997) indicated that HIV-1 enters cells via a co-receptor designated fusin (CXCR-4), a member of the G protein-coupled chemokine receptor family with seven member-spanning domains. McKnight *et al.* (1997) reported that a monoclonal antibody to fusin can block cell-to-cell fusion and cell-free virus infection of fusin-positive CD4<sup>+</sup> cells. Lipid analogues are known to accumulate at the cell plasma membrane (Storme *et al.*, 1985; van Blitterswijk *et al.*, 1987) and they serve as potent inhibitors of HIV-1-induced cell fusion (Krugner-Higby *et al.*, 1995). This inhibition was correlated with inhibition of

gp160/gp120-specific monoclonal antibody with HIV-1 gp160/gp120 reactivity on the surface of HIV-1-infected and treated cells (Krugner-Higby *et al.*, 1995). It can be speculated that the presence of lipid analogues could cause steric hindrance of the CD4<sup>+</sup> receptor and fusin co-receptor in cell-to-cell fusion.

Published evidence indicates that the major antiviral effect of recombinant interferon  $\alpha$  (rIFN- $\alpha$ ) operates in the stages of virus assembly of gp120 and release (Hansen *et al.*, 1992; Smith *et al.*, 1991; Willey *et al.*, 1988). Syntheses of HIV-1-induced DNA, RNA and protein were minimally inhibited by rIFN  $\alpha$  but virus particles released from the treated cells were 100- to 1000-fold less infectious, owing to an assembly defect in gp120 (Hansen *et al.*, 1992). Our published data (Krugner-Higby *et al.*, 1995) indicated that anti-HIV PC lipids do not affect HIV-1-induced protein synthesis and processing. However, assembly of progeny virus particles made in the presence of antiviral PC lipids was shifted from the plasma membrane to intracytoplasmic vacuoles (Kucera *et al.*, 1990b), and this shift in assembly site was associated with a profoundly reduced capacity of progeny virus particles to bind to CD4<sup>+</sup> cells (Krugner-Higby *et al.*, 1995). Also, we observed that exposure of fresh CD4<sup>+</sup> cells to equivalent amounts of RT activity associated with HIV-1 particles from 1  $\mu$ M PC lipid-treated cells resulted in a 40 to 68% inhibition in subsequent HIV-1 replication compared to HIV-1 particles from untreated control cells (LS Kucera, N Iyer, SL Morris-Natschke, SY Chen, F Gumus, K Ishaq & DBJ Herrmann, unpublished results). Data from Western blot analysis of virus particles from PC lipid-treated cells indicated that gp120 produced in infected cells was also present in virus particles recovered from PC lipid-treated cell supernatants (Krugner-Higby *et al.*, 1995). Incubation of PC lipid with preformed virions did not produce a virucidal effect (LS Kucera, N Iyer, SL Morris-Natschke, SY Chen, F Gumus, K Ishaq & DBJ Herrmann, unpublished results). Krugner-Higby *et al.* (1995) showed that HIV particles made in the presence of phospholipids had a reduced capacity to bind to CD4<sup>+</sup> cells. Taken together, our data suggest that the reduced capacity of progeny virus from PC lipid-treated cells to infect and replicate in fresh CD4<sup>+</sup> cells could be associated with an alteration in the assembly of gp120 on the surface of progeny virus particles. Thus, PC lipids may share a property in common with rIFN- $\alpha$  by operating at the stage of HIV gp120 assembly and release.

In summary, results from chemical synthesis and evaluation of compounds for anti-HIV-1 activity in this present investigation indicated that compounds with hydrocarbon chain lengths of 10 to 12 at position 1 and 8 to 12 at position 2 of a three carbon backbone have high SI against HIV-1 replication. PC lipid analogues have potent and

selective activity against HIV-1 and HIV-2 as well as against TIBO- and AZT-resistant strains of HIV-1 and virus-induced cell fusion. In view of the markedly reduced toxicity of PC lipid analogues against bone marrow cell growth *in vitro* compared to AZT, PC lipid analogues offer an innovative approach toward development of novel strategies for the treatment of HIV infections and AIDS.

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